to time to improve the campaign and these have been incorporated.

Use of Traditional Medicines

237. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the share of traditional medicines in the market;

(b) whether Government are aware that traditional medicines are still being used in China by 40 per cent of the population in urban areas and 90 per cent of population in rural areas; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to popularise traditional medicines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No authentic data is at present available.

(b) No Survey report or Research document is available on the usage of traditional medicines in the rural and urban areas of China.

(c) With the setting up of the Deptt. of ISM&H, various steps have been initiated to develop and promote ISM&H, such as upgrading standards of education, undertaking Research and Development activities, enhancing the availability of raw materials used in the manufacture of ISM&H drugs,, standarisation and quality control measures of ISM&H drugs etc.

बिहार में नई योजना के अन्तर्गत स्वास्थ्य उपकेन्द्र

238. श्री जनार्दन यादव: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) बिहार में नई योजना के अंतर्गत 1996-97 के दौरान कितने स्वास्थ्य उपकेन्द्र स्थापित किये जाने हैं; और

(ख) क्या यह स[illegible] है कि इन उपकेन्द्रों पर डाक्टर उपलब्ध नहीं हैं यदि [illegible] तो सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या कार्रवाई की जा रही है; और यदि कोई कार्रवाई नहीं की जा रही है तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी): (क) और (ख) दिसम्बर, 1996 तक प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार, 1996-97 के दौरान बिहार में कोई नया उप-केन्द्र स्थापित नहीं किया गया है।

अनुमोदित मानकों के अनुसार उप-केन्द्रों में डाक्टर की नियुक्ति का कोई प्रावधान नहीं है।

Derecognition of the courses of the Patel Chest Institute by the MCI

239. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Medical Council of India (MCI) has recommended derecognition of the courses of the Vallabbai Patel Chest Institute, Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that several complaints were made by the Doctors of the Institute to the MCI as well as the Ministry of Health regarding the functioning of the Institute; and

(d) if so, the details of the complaints made by them and the measures taken, if any, thereon so as to improve the functioning of the Institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) The Medical Council of India has recommended to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare do-recognition of post-graduate degree and diploma courses at V.P. Chest Institute, Delhi under Delhi University on the ground that a large number of faculty members are non-medical persons. The recommendations of the Medical Council of India are being considered.

(c) and (d) Several compaints were received in the Medical Council of India that the V.P. Chest Institute had appointed non-medical persons in the faculty and as Head of the Department. No complaint regarding functioning of the Institute has been received in the Ministry of Health & FW from the Doctors of the Institute. However, a letter was re-